

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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November 14, 2014

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley:

The USA Freedom Act, now under consideration in the Senate, is broadly consistent with the recommendations we made last year in our report on how to safeguard both liberty and security in a rapidly changing world.

Specifically, we note the close similarity of the bill with our first recommendation, that orders under Section 215 should be issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court about particular individuals and only where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the particular information sought is relevant to an authorized investigation.

Sincerely,

Richard Clarke

Michael Morell

Cass Sunstein

Geoffrey Stone

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